

Board of Trustees and Management Lead-Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust Miami, Oklahoma

As part of our audits of the financial statements and compliance of Lead-Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust (the "Trust") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, we wish to communicate the following to you.

#### AUDIT SCOPE AND RESULTS

Auditor's Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America and the Standards Applicable to Financial Audits Contained in Government Auditing Standards Issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations

An audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations* is designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about the financial statements and about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements described in OMB Circular A-133 that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. In performing auditing procedures, we establish scopes of audit tests in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. Our engagement does not include a detailed audit of every transaction. Our engagement letter more specifically describes our responsibilities.

These standards require communication of significant matters related to the financial statement and compliance audits that are relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. Such matters are communicated in the remainder of this letter or have previously been communicated during other phases of the audit. The standards do not require the auditor to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to be communicated with those charged with governance.

Audits of the financial statements and compliance do not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities. Our engagement letter more specifically describes your responsibilities.

# Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies and Practices

# **Significant Accounting Policies**

The Trust's significant accounting policies are described in *Note 1* of the audited financial statements.





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### **Alternative Accounting Treatments**

No matters are reportable.

# **Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates**

No matters are reportable.

#### **Financial Statement Disclosures**

No matters are reportable.

## Audit Adjustments

During the course of any audit, an auditor may propose adjustments to financial statement amounts. Management evaluates our proposals and records those adjustments which, in its judgment, are required to prevent the financial statements from being materially misstated.

Areas in which adjustments were proposed and recorded include:

• Accrued liabilities and expenses

### Auditor's Judgments About the Quality of the Entity's Accounting Principles

No matters are reportable.

### Other Material Written Communications

Listed below are other material written communications between management and us related to the audit:

• Management representation letter (attached)

### INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Lead-Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations*, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements of the Trust's financial statements on a timely basis. A deficiency in design exists when a control necessary to meet a control objective is missing or an existing control is not properly designed so that, even if the control operates as designed, a control objective would not be met. A deficiency in operation exists when a properly designed control does not operate as designed or when the person performing the control does not possess the necessary authority or competence to perform the control effectively.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Trust's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

We observed the following matters that we consider to be material weaknesses.

### Material Weaknesses

Refer to the Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Board of Trustees, others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 29, 2012

BKD, LLP

# **Lead-Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust**

2 N. Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Miami, OK 74355

March 29, 2012

**BKD**, LLP Certified Public Accountants P.O. Box 1190 Springfield, MO 65801

We are providing this letter in connection with your audits of our financial statements as of and for the years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 and your audit of our compliance with requirements applicable to each of our major federal awards programs as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, operations and compliance, and preventing and detecting fraud.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following:

- 1. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 2. We have reviewed and approved a draft of the financial statements and related notes referred to above, which you prepared in connection with your audit of our financial statements. We acknowledge that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements and related notes.
- 3. We have made available to you:
  - (a) All financial records and related data.
  - (b) All minutes of meetings of the governing body held through the date of this letter.
  - (c) All significant contracts and grants.

- 4. We have informed you of all current risks of a material amount that are not adequately prevented or detected by entity procedures with respect to:
  - (a) Misappropriation of assets.
  - (b) Misrepresented or misstated assets, liabilities or net assets.
- 5. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud.
- 6. We have no knowledge of any known or suspected:
  - (a) Fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets involving management or employees who have significant roles in internal control.
  - (b) Fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets involving others that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 7. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Trust received in communications from employees, regulators, suppliers or others that have not already been communicated.
- 8. Except as reflected in the financial statements, there are no:
  - (a) Plans or intentions that may materially affect carrying values or classifications of assets and liabilities.
  - (b) Material transactions omitted or improperly recorded in the financial statements.
  - (c) Material gain/loss contingencies requiring accrual or disclosure, including those arising from environmental remediation obligations.
  - (d) Events occurring subsequent to the balance sheet date through the date of this letter requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.
  - (e) Related party transactions, balances, arrangements or guarantees. We understand that the term <u>related party</u> refers to an affiliate; management, and members of their immediate families, component units; and any other party with which the entity may deal if it can significantly influence, or be influenced by, the management or operating policies of the other. The term <u>affiliate</u> refers to a party that directly or indirectly controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with us.
  - (f) Agreements to purchase assets previously sold.

- (g) Violations of law, regulations, contracts, grants or requirements of regulatory agencies for which losses should be accrued or matters disclosed in the financial statements.
- (h) Unasserted claims or assessments that our attorneys have advised us are probable of assertion.
- (i) Restrictions on cash balances or compensating balance agreements.
- (j) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Trust is contingently liable.
- 9. Except as disclosed in the financial statements, we have:
  - (a) Satisfactory title to all recorded assets, and they are not subject to any liens, pledges or other encumbrances.
  - (b) Complied with all aspects of contractual and grant agreements, for which noncompliance would materially affect the financial statements.
- 10. We have not been designated as a potentially responsible party (PRP or equivalent status) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or other cognizant regulatory agency with authority to enforce environmental laws and regulations.
- 11. With regard to deposit and investment activities:
  - (a) All deposit transactions have been made in accordance with legal and contractual requirements.
  - (b) Disclosures of deposit and investment balances and risks in the financial statements are consistent with our understanding of the applicable laws regarding enforceability of any pledges of collateral.
  - (c) We understand that your audit does not represent an opinion regarding the enforceability of any collateral pledges.
- 12. With respect to any nonattest services you have provided us during the year, including drafting of the financial statements and related notes:
  - (a) We have designated a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonattest services.
  - (b) We have established and monitored the performance of the nonattest services to ensure that they meet our objectives.
  - (c) We have made any and all decisions involving management functions with respect to the nonattest services and accept full responsibility for such decisions.

- (d) We have evaluated the adequacy of the services performed and any findings that resulted.
- 13. We acknowledge that we are responsible for compliance with applicable laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- 14. We have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on the determination of amounts in our financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 15. We have identified and disclosed to you any violations or possible violations of laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements whose effects should be considered for recognition and/or disclosure in the financial statements or for your reporting on noncompliance.
- 16. We have taken or will take timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud, abuse, illegal acts or violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements that you or other auditors report.
- 17. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 18. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives of your audit and the corrective actions taken to address any significant findings and recommendations made in such audits, attestation engagements or other studies.
- 19. We have provided our views on any findings, conclusions and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions with respect thereto, to you for inclusion in the findings and recommendations referred to in your report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on your audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- 20. With regard to federal awards programs:
  - (a) We have identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards all assistance provided (either directly or passed through other entities) by federal agencies in the form of grants, contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property, cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, commodities, insurance, direct appropriations or in any other form.
  - (b) We have identified the types of compliance requirements described in the *U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* regarding activities allowed or unallowed; allowable costs/cost principles; cash management; Davis-Bacon Act; eligibility; equipment and

real property management; matching, level of effort, earmarking; period of availability of federal funds; procurement and suspension and debarment; program income; real property acquisition and relocation assistance; reporting; subrecipient monitoring; and special tests and provisions that are applicable to each of our federal awards programs. We have identified to you our interpretation of any applicable compliance requirements subject to varying interpretations.

- (c) We are responsible to understand and comply with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of our federal awards programs and have disclosed to you any and all instances of noncompliance with those requirements occurring during the period of your audit or subsequent thereto to the date of this letter of which we are aware. Except for any instances of noncompliance we have disclosed to you, we believe the Trust has complied with all applicable compliance requirements.
- (d) We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance to provide reasonable assurance we have administered each of our federal awards programs in compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to those programs.
- (e) We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements, including any amendments, and any other correspondence or documentation relevant to each of our federal awards programs and to our compliance with applicable requirements of those programs.
- (f) The information presented in federal awards program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements is supported by the books and records from which our financial statements have been prepared.
- (g) We have disclosed to you any communications from grantors and passthrough entities concerning possible noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements for each of our federal awards programs, including any communications received from the end of the period of your audit through the date of this letter.
- (h) We have identified to you any previous compliance audits, attestation engagements and internal or external monitoring related to the objectives of your compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken to address any significant findings and recommendations made in such audits, attestation engagements or other monitoring.
- (i) Except as described in the schedule of findings and questioned costs, we are in agreement with the findings contained therein and our views regarding any disagreements with such findings are consistent, as of the date of this letter, with the description thereof in that schedule.

- (i) We are responsible for taking corrective action on any audit findings.
- (k) The summary schedule of prior audit findings correctly states the status of all audit findings included in the OMB Circular A-133 section of the prior audit's schedule of findings and questioned costs and any uncorrected open findings included in the prior audit's summary schedule of prior audit findings as of the date of this letter.
- 21. We have elected to omit the supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, consisting of management's discussion and analysis.
- 22. With regard to supplementary information:
  - (a) We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
  - (b) We believe the supplementary information is fairly presented, both in form and content, in accordance with the applicable criteria.
  - (c) The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information are unchanged from those used in the prior period.
  - (d) We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and/or presentation of the supplementary information are reasonable and appropriate.

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Mark Osborn, Board of Trustees Chairman	Mike Sexton, Board of Trustees Treasurer